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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of telephone Exchanges working under open wire system in Maharashtra as on September 30, 2001;

(b) whether 54 telephone Exchanges are still working under open wire system in Jalgaon, Maharashtra;

(c) if so, whether the Government have taken any decision to switch over to OFC system in all these Exchanges; and

(d) if so, the time by which this work is to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) There are 1759 Telephone Exchanges working on Open Wire System in Maharashtra as on 30.09.2001.

(b) No Sir. 50 exchanges are working at Jalgaon on open wire systems.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Works of commissioning of OF Systems planned in the District Jalgaon are likely to be completed by March 2002.